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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

PROPOSAL REGARDING RUSSIA.

London, Jan. 22.  
The Ministers have resumed the examination of the Russian question. President Wilson read a proposal which will be discussed this afternoon.

Later.  
A Peace Conference communique says the representatives of the five Great Powers approved of President Wilson's proposal which emphasises that the Associated Governments' sole desire is to help the Russians and not to interfere with their internal concerns. It reiterates friendship not enmity towards Russia and declares a wish to alleviate the present conditions and assist in the restoration of order. It unreservedly recognises the revolution and proclaims no intention to countenance counter-revolutionary bodies. It recognises the impossibility of Europe and the world being at peace while peace does not exist in Russia. The Associated Governments recognise and accept it as their duty, therefore, to serve Russia in this great matter as generously, unselfishly, thoughtfully and ungrudgingly as they would serve every other friend and ally, and they are ready to render this service in the way that is most acceptable to Russia. In this spirit and with this purpose they invite every organised group now exercising or attempting to exercise authority and military control in Siberia or within the pre-war boundaries of European Russia, except Finland, to send three representatives for each such group to Prince's Island, in the Sea of Marmora, where they will be met by representatives of the Associated Powers, provided a truce in the meantime be proclaimed among the parties invited and provided all armed forces sent against people or territory outside pre-war European Russia or Finland or anywhere where autonomous action is contemplated under President Wilson's fourteen points, are meanwhile withdrawn. The object of the aforementioned representatives' meeting is to ascertain the Russian wishes and arrive at an understanding whereby Russia can work out her own purposes and happy co-operative relations between Russia and the other world peoples can be established. A prompt reply is requested. It is stated the Allies will facilitate the representatives' journey across the Black Sea and expect all parties to give similar facilities. The representatives are expected at the appointed place on Feb. 15.

The communique adds that the Plenary Conference on Jan. 23 will discuss the League of Nations on the basis of Mr. Lloyd George's proposals.

THE PLAN APPROVED.

Paris, Jan. 22.  
The Russian Ambassadors now in Paris conferred with M. Sazonoff regarding the decision of the Supreme Council to send a commission to Prince's Island to meet the Russian parties. They decided to urge their friends in Russia to support the conference plan.

POLAND'S POSITION.

Paris, Jan. 23.  
A communique states that the Powers have decided to send a commission consisting of two representatives, one civilian and one military, to Prince's Island to meet the Russian envoys. A similar mission will go to Danzig to meet the Poles.

A communique from Paris (Jan. 22nd) says that the Supreme War Council considered the Polish question, consulted with Marshal Foch and decided to send two delegates, one military and the other civil, to Poland immediately.

DOUBTS EXPRESSED.

London, Jan. 22.  
While the Allied Conference's decision regarding Russia is welcomed in Britain as raising the whole problem to a lofty plane, and as a noble example of the Conference's impartiality, some doubt is expressed whether the plan will not antagonise various anti-Bolshevik Governments in Russia. The French newspapers generally condemn the decision as far as it applies to the Bolsheviks.

Sir Douglas Haig and Mr. Churchill have left for Paris.

OTHER MATTERS.

London, January 23.  
A public plenary session of the Conference will be held on Jan. 25 to discuss the League of Nations. Mr. Lloyd George submits a proposal consisting of a few short clauses in general terms. Then President Wilson submits a plan, drafted after conversations with M. Leon Bourgeois, Lord Robert Cecil and General Smuts, all of whom will probably speak. Finally a special League of Nations committee will be appointed to study the question thoroughly.

The Conference will also appoint an Indemnities Committee to determine the amount of damage the Germans have done and the amount of indemnities payable by Germany, and define a possible method of payment.

AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL.

Paris, Jan. 22.  
Lord Robert Cecil, the head of the League of Nations section of the British delegation, conversing with British journalists, considered that the world had not yet reached a stage at which an absolutely rigid system for the preservation of international peace could be organised. Even an International Tribunal with absolutely binding powers was at present unworkable. He foresaw the creation of a Council in which, as in labour disputes, influence and conciliation would be the peacemakers' main strength. Such a body should possess sufficient international guarantee power to be able to prevent surprise declarations of war and compel disputants to accept delay in order that a peaceful solution might be propounded.

Referring to the constitution of the Council of the League, he considered it should comprise representatives of the great nations, not diplomats but influential members of each Government, sitting regularly. No treaties should be passed unless conforming to League rules.

He pointed out certain existing international organisations that already existed thus the Posts, Telegraphs and the pre-war Danube Commission and Rhine Convention, even the International Labour Organisation. It could easily be seen that certain waterways and towns would henceforth have to be internationally controlled or free access to inland States guaranteed. Certain nations would be strongly interested in free access to Salonika. The most important case was the Dardanelles and Bosphorus. These examples of necessary international agency led naturally to a new international organisation whose object would be the welfare of the nations of the world.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE BOLSHIEVS.

PILLAGING ON FINNISH FRONTIER.

Stockholm, Jan. 22.  
A message from Helsinki says that the Russian Red Guards are attacking and pillaging on the Finnish frontier.

EXAGGERATED REPORTS.

Amsterdam, Jan. 22.  
The Koenigsberg reports of armies of millions of Bolsheviks marching on Germany are exaggerated. The line Riga-Dvinsk-Vilna has been crossed by not more than 20,000 Bolshevik troops.

BRITISH FORCE THREATENED.

London, Jan. 23.  
Reuter learns that the Bolsheviks are reported to have captured Orenburg. If this is correct it is unfortunate, as it increases the difficulties of the Russian Siberian army and threatens the British force in Transcaspiia. The main Bolshevik force will now be able to advance along the railway south-eastward from Orenburg.

LABOUR DIFFICULTIES.

London, Jan. 23.  
The Ministry of Labour is drawing attention to the difficulties that have arisen in connection with the forty-seven hours agreement in the engineering and shipbuilding trades and has arranged conferences between the Employers' Federations and Trade Unions with a view to settlement.

EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S LOSS.

London, Jan. 23.  
Mr. William Hibbertine, one of the administrative heads of the Eastern Telegraph Company, who has been in the employ of the Company for nearly fifty years, died suddenly in his office to-day from heart failure.

FEDERATED GERMAN REPUBLICS.

London, Jan. 22.  
It is announced from Berlin that Germany will be divided into a Federation of eight Republics, headed by Greater Berlin, with a population of ten million, the others being Prussia, Silesia, Brandenburg, Lower Saxony, Westphalia, Hesse and Rhineland. A Federal State of German Austria, will also be established.

AN IRISH OUTRAGE.

London, Jan. 22.  
Two constables escorting a cart containing gelignite in Tipperary were shot dead by masked men who leaped the fence, shouted "Hands up!" and fired. They stripped the bodies of their rifles and ammunition, drove off in the cart and disappeared.

THE GERMAN ELECTIONS.

Amsterdam, Jan. 22.  
The following are the results of the German elections as far as known on the afternoon of the 21st:—Christian National People's Party, 57 seats; German People's Party, 14; German Democrats, 52; Majority Socialists, 128; Independent Socialists, 22.

A message from Berlin says that the returns up to last night were: German Nationals, 33; Christians, 80; German People's 22; German Democrats, 74; Majority Socialists, 160; Independent Socialists, 32.  
Radek has reappeared.

THE SINN FEIN PARLIAMENT.

London, Jan. 23.  
The Sinn Fein Parliament in secret session yesterday appointed a Premier and four Ministers whose names are not disclosed.

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HONGKONG TRADE.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—During the interval a fair enquiry has arisen and a small business at advancing rates has resulted. Our Market is decidedly firmer and prices have improved generally. Nevertheless they are still very considerably below replacing values.

Cotton Yarn.—In the early part of the fortnight ruled firm and a fair number of bales was sold at almost previous rates, but latterly, owing to pressed sales, rates have become weaker and a small business is being done at a decline of \$2 per bale. Quotations are:—No. 10s at \$190/223, No. 12s at \$200/220, No. 16s at \$235/243, No. 20s at \$230/248. Arrivals nil. Spot sales 2,000 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold stock 6,000 bales. Bargains 10,000 bales.

Raw Cotton.—Prices declined about \$2 per picul—Chinese description \$43/53 per picul. Indian grades \$40/50 per picul. Market bare of stocks.

Woolens.—Although cotton goods seem to be reviving somewhat, this is not reflected in the market for woolens. The exceptionally warm winter we are having has enabled natives to do without warm clothing. The whole trade is in a poor way and very disappointing.

Sundries and Coals.—On account of small arrivals and of further advance in the cost of raw materials in the producing countries, the local market has responded correspondingly in spite of the fact that all imported merchandise has shown no appreciation in values since the Armistice.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: About 230,000 sacks. Quotations:—Japanese 2nd Patent (old stock), \$2.50 per sack; Shanghai Flour 2nd, \$3.16 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.55 per sack; Australian No. 2, \$3.35 per sack; Australian No. 3, \$3.20 per sack.

Metals.—Business at a standstill.

Sugar.—Market quiet at advanced rates.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

For the Chinese New Year holidays the following competitions have been arranged for Fanling:—

Running Bogy Pool for men over the Main Course from Saturday to Monday, 1st to 3rd February.

Men's Shanghai Foursomes (Medal Play) over the Main Course on Saturday afternoon.

Mixed Doubles (Medal play) over the Main Course on Monday afternoon.

Entrance fee to all Competitions: \$1 per card, 50 per cent. of the entrance fees to be devoted to War Charities.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The play-off for the 1918 competition has now reached the final stage, the finalists being H. A. Lawson and A. Morrison. It is hoped to play the final on Sunday, 2nd February. The winner of the January round for this cup is A. Morrison, with a score of 95-12-83 net.

Correction.—The competition for this Cup for 18 handicaps has been extended to 19th and 20th April and the conditions modified, permitting say 18 handicaps to be put in, the best four scores to count.

BOLSHIEV FINANCE.

COSTLY EXPERIMENTS.

A special correspondent of the Daily Chronicle writes:—

When the Bolsheviks "settled down" as the ruling class in November 1917, and began to reconstitute the financial system, their first step was the repudiation of foreign loans. This mostly hit the holders of Russian loans abroad.

Owing to the firm conviction of the public that the Bolsheviks were not destined to remain long in power, there was no panic when the banks were nationalised on December 28, 1917. All managers, however, had to resign their posts.

By reason of the Bolsheviks' very rudimentary knowledge of finance, having appropriated the reserves of all banks as well as private accounts, they expected to find an enormous amount of ready cash; instead of which, they found only drafts on the Imperial Bank of Russia.

ANNULMENT OF LOANS.

The next financial experiment of the Bolsheviks was the annulment of all internal loans, war loans, debentures, and stocks and shares in general. All stock and share transactions were prohibited under penalty of heavy fines, and the payment of dividends was suspended. Consequently the Stock Exchange de jure and de facto ceased to exist.

Nationalisation of banks having failed, as all their previous "reforms" had done, to provide ready cash, the Bolsheviks had all private strong boxes examined, and requisitioned all the gold they found. Ready money and valuables exceeding 25,000 roubles per person were held to be national property, and jewellery, after valuation, was taxed in some cases at a third of its value—which as a rule was highly over-estimated.

All legacies exceeding in value 10,000 roubles are prohibited in Russia and the property passes to the nation at death of the owner. To evade this law, people began to transfer their property to their heirs during lifetime. This was soon stopped by a new decree prohibiting donations exceeding 10,000 roubles.

CHAOS AND CONFUSION.

Nationalisation of banks met with enormous opposition at first, and there was a strike of all bank employees, which lasted three months. This period was of utter confusion and chaos; practically all financial life was stopped. The only business carried on was the cashing of cheques certified by the workman's committee as necessary for payment of their wages.

After a three months' strike the bank employees, forced into compromise by starvation, applied for work with the Bolsheviks, and after long and insulting negotiations 25 per cent. were taken back. From this time work became more systematised.

The main idea of the system is centralisation. In the whole of Russia there exists only one bank—"The People's Bank of the Russian Soviet Republic," with branches all over Russia. In every town each class of banking activity is supposed to be concentrated in one place, but in practice this is only true for big centres.

It will be seen that what the Bolsheviks call "reform" civilised people would term wanton destruction. Yet it would be a mistake to imagine that the Soviet have no plan or policy and that their sole aim is the reckless squandering of the nation's resources. Their economic ideas are certainly unsound from our point of view, but it must be borne in mind that Lenin aims at the complete destruction of the financial system as it exists to-day, holding it to be the cause of class inequality and international strife.

BANKING IN CHINA.

AN AMERICAN VIEW.

In the course of an interesting article which appeared lately in the New York Magazine of Wall Street, Mr. Orrin De Motte Walker, late manager of the International Banking Corporation in Peking, said:—

The kind of an American bank which is wanted in the Far East and in China in particular is one which engages in commercial business; which believes in direct business; which wants Chinese business and will cultivate the Chinese; which will make silver and exchange speculation secondary to legitimate trade transactions and will be prepared to finance American trade; which will give American business fair credit reports and not discriminate against it; which will compete with the other banks, and make loans upon the same terms and collateral, which is courteous and obliging to clients; which will do business upon a business basis; which is American in spirit and above all American in personnel and in policy. An American bank operated upon this plan will have no competition in China. In considering direct Chinese business the moral hazard must not be overlooked, but there is probably no country in the world where the moral risk is lower. It is the custom of the country that Chinese New Year every obligation and debt must be paid, and no Chinese firm or individual will spare any effort, even to calling upon the members of his clan to raise the necessary funds to liquidate his indebtedness.

THE LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY.

It is strange but true that none of the foreign banks in China has ever seriously undertaken to cultivate the Chinese or their business. There are not many American bankers who can speak Chinese fluently enough to attempt it and there is no doubt that in developing banking among them a knowledge of the language would be a tremendous asset, for it would enable the American manager to get in personal and direct touch with Chinese customs and secure their confidence and co-operation, two most essential elements in developing business in China. To this fact more than any other the writer attributes his success in securing Chinese business. In addition to the service which an American commercial bank could render to American and Chinese trade, there is the whole field of Chinese industrial development. This field has not been touched by banks in China. It is true that there are difficulties in entering this field, but they are not insurmountable. Our treaty with China prevents the holding of real estate by foreigners, which shuts out the taking of mortgages as security. There are several ways around this difficulty which will enable a bank to enter this field with absolute security and commensurate profit. The Japanese and French have circumvented the impasse, the one by securing a special charter for a banking corporation from the Chinese Government and the other by a special grant or privilege.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
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TO-MORROW.

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Coronet Theatre—9.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Coronet Theatre—9.15 p.m.

HONGKONG GOVERNMENT. THE COLONY'S FINANCES.

ENQUIRY INTO EMOLUMENTS.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that the Officer Administering the Government in Council has deemed it advisable that an enquiry should be instituted, made, and conducted regarding the emoluments of the Public Service of the Colony and that with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, he has appointed Mr. Charles Montague Ede, the Honourable Mr. David Landale, the Honourable Mr. Charles McIlvaine Messer, O.B.E., His Honour Sir William Rees Davies, Kt., K.C., and the Honourable Mr. Robert Gordon Shawan to be Commissioners for the purpose of instituting, making, and conducting such enquiry.

Sir William Rees Davies is to be Chairman of the Commissioners and Mr. James Arthur Edward Bullock, Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office, to be Secretary. The Commissioners are requested to report their findings and recommendations before the 20th day of March 1919.

THE HONGKONG TREASURY ISSUES THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

|                                                         |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Balance of Assets and Liabilities on 31st August, 1918. | \$6,297,578.30 |
| Revenue from 1st to 30th Sept., 1918.                   | 1,249,265.03   |
|                                                         | 7,546,843.33   |
| Expenditure from 1st to 30th Sept., 1918.               | 823,352.39     |
| Balance.                                                | \$6,723,590.94 |

\* Exclusive of Crown Agents' Account for September.

£1,000 IN A WASHBUB.

A woman walked into a New port (Mon.) bank and said she wanted to deposit £1,000. A taxicab was outside, and the woman was assisted to carry the heavy bags into the bank. All the money was in silver, and not a coin was smaller than a florin. The woman and her husband had set up the previous night counting the money. Bank had been kept in a washbub.



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## WANCHAI SCHOOL.

## PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Mr. R. E. O. Bird, M. A., acting Inspector of English Schools, distributed the prizes at Wanchai District Government School on Friday.

## THE REPORT.

The Headmaster (Mr. R. J. Birbeck, M. A.) read the following report:—During the year the school has been open on 225 days, with an average attendance of 250, the highest number on the roll being 273 in September, and the lowest 248 in January. These numbers will necessarily be reduced as classes are now being formed of 30 boys instead of 40. At the annual examination held in July, in Classes 4, 5A, & 5B which constitute the Remove, 118 boys were examined and 100 passed or 92 per cent. In classes 6, 7A, 7B, & 8, 140 were examined and 125 passed, or 89 per cent. In Class 4 arithmetic and grammar were the weakest subjects. In class 5A only one boy failed of 40 examined. In 5B & 7B map drawing was very poor, less than half the boys passing. In class 8 more boys failed in arithmetic and composition than in any other subjects. With regard to Chinese, Mr. Leung Shiu-on reports that in the upper classes reading and dictation were good, but poor in the lower classes, while composition was weak throughout the school. I have still to complain that I find great difficulty in getting the boys to answer questions on every day matters. I think however that during the present year an improvement in this respect will take place. Acting on a suggestion made last year by Mr. Ralphs, Mr. Leung Shiu-on started an English speaking club, which met once a week when papers were read and discussed and speeches made. This has done a great deal of good and a special prize has been awarded for the best speaker. During the year there have been no changes in class masters, but the staff has been considerably strengthened by the appointment of Mrs. Floyd, who takes every class in the school in their reading books—an arduous task I am afraid—but it will greatly improve the colloquial in the school. With regard to games we have to congratulate the School XI on winning the Junior Football League—this is the third time, and I believe that Wanchai is the only Government District School to have won. In the class matches, class 4 were the winners. We have made a start at volleyball and entered a team in the Junior division of the Hongkong Volley Ball League. We have of course to make the complaint made by nearly all other schools about lack of ground. In the District Schools' Sports our team was 2nd, in the senior team race. The bathing picnics in the summer were very popular, as many as 225 boys going on one occasion. A few gymnastic appliances have been put up in the small playground, and many of the boys take advantage of them for exercises, but an instructor is necessary to make a real success of them. Physical drill, which has greatly improved owing, I think, to dumbbells being used, has again been taken entirely by Mr. Chan Po-shang, whom we must thank for that and also for working very hard and taking a great interest in all the school games. A bank on the east side of the school has been turned into quite a good flower garden. The boys did all the work of clearing away the stones and preparing the ground, and it has made a great improvement in the general appearance of the school. It is to be hoped that future generations will show the same keenness on making their school premises as pleasant as possible, and will not allow that piece of ground to become waste again.

## CONGRATULATIONS.

Mr. Bird, in the course of his remarks, congratulated the School on the successful year just passed. He was pleased to see from the mark sheets that there were many boys who deserved prizes in addition to those who had got them. He expressed his pleasure that an English-speaking Club had been formed and had been doing such good work throughout the

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year and hoped that more Clubs would be formed. He advised all those who were returning to their homes to see that their young brothers did not wait too long before coming to school. The time to begin learning English was 9 or 10, not 14 or 15, and he hoped they would impress this fact on their fathers and mothers. Finally he congratulated the School on winning the Junior Football League and on the interest they were taking in improving their surroundings by making flower beds in all possible places.

The proceedings terminated with cheers for Mr. Bird and the Head Master.

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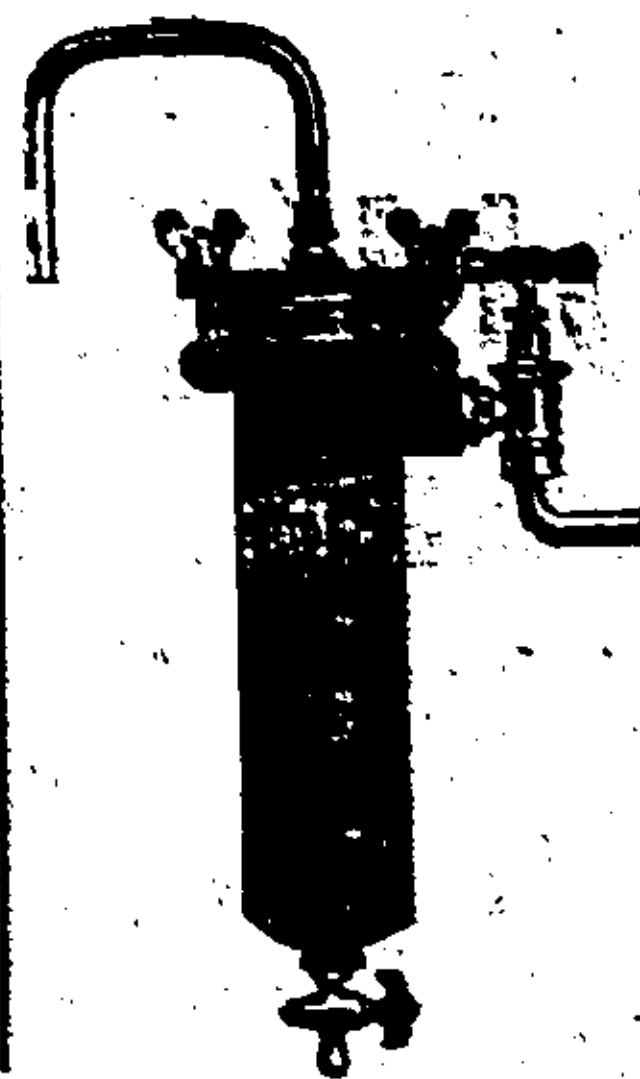
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### INTERNATIONALISING CONSTANTINOPLE STRAITS.

The future government of Constantinople is a vexed problem. It has been brought to the foreground by the disorder in that city. On Thursday, Reuter informed us that the Temps of Paris advocates the conversion of the Straits of Constantinople into international property. There is nothing new about the suggestion. It has been made ever since Turkey threw her lot with the Germanic Powers. There are many successful precedents for the international administration of the Constantinople Straits. We have such instances as the European Commission of the Danube, the joint British and French Government of the New Hebrides and the International Administration of the Ottoman Debt, which has been one of the most beneficial government institutions of Turkey. We have, therefore, the basis of a right to intervene in the question of the Straits.

The internationalism of the Constantinople Straits should be a guarantee of a lasting peace. In founding Constantinople with a free hand, Constantine the Great drew up his scheme with a far-reaching eye. We see that to-day in the importance of Constantinople, which is the gate of Russia. Constantinople has certainly been a riddle and a puzzle of Constantinople the Great for countless ages. Even to the Byzantine city always appeared to be surrounded by some mystic secret, but the secret was revealed when Russia's wheat and grain were blocked for want an outlet during the war. The Straits of the Bosphorus must be open to the ships of all nations and a golden opportunity now presents itself to advocate it. A small independent state may be formed, to be for ever neutral, with its centre at Constantinople and governed by an International Commission. We remember that a couple of years ago Sir Edwin Pears, promulgated a project for the internationalism of the Straits. Inter alia, he discussed the maintenance of no army in this independent neutral State but only an efficient police to keep order, its integrity to be guaranteed by enduring treaties of all the Powers. The state should be governed by a Commission and the state territories should be bounded in the West from Enos in the South to Medea on the Black Sea, passing south of Adrianople. On the East the boundary line will run through the False Bosphorus to a point on the Black Sea. This is, roughly speaking, what Sir Edwin Pears enunciated in support of his proposal for the future of Constantinople. It offers a strong guarantee against the danger of aggression and it provides for Russia's greater security. We can, therefore, appreciate the Temps' contention that Constantinople must not be allowed to revert to its former state. Probably, the future of this place will be thoroughly threshed out at the Peace Conference and, if Constantinople Straits become international territory, we will all rejoice.

It is opportune to discuss the important issues that Turkey's surrender has brought nearer to settlement. Her surrender clears the way now for the different questions which gave Great Britain many sleepless nights. The position in Constantinople, the forts protecting the passage of the Dardanelles, and the Bosphorus are important questions and the Peace Congress should be able to settle them to the satisfaction of the world. "The Sick Man of Europe" cannot be trusted any more. Turkish "real-politik" cannot withstand the cogency of the Allied arguments. The Straits of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles are vital to the life blood of Russia, and incidentally in the interests of that nation and the consumers of her grain, the avenues through which most of it is transported have been internationalised.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

#### THE GROWING MENACE.

We have emphasised in these columns before the magnitude of the Bolshevik menace, and the vital necessity of taking immediate steps to stamp it out, and the latest news from Moscow only bears out our remarks. Not only does Bolshevism still exist but it is daily growing, and spreading throughout Europe its infamous doctrines of anarchy and bloodshed. But it is not satisfied with so small a field as Europe: it intends to make itself master of the whole world. Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Russia have all felt its fateful influence, and, according to the disclosures from Moscow, the peace of Asia is also threatened. For months the Bolsheviks have been organising an elaborate propaganda for revolutions in China, India and Persia. They seem to have an endless supply of money and intend to send agents throughout the East to carry on their terrible work. We in Hongkong are, of course, most concerned about China. The present condition of China is bad enough, cut up as it is by internal strife, but if the horrors of Bolshevism are added, it would mean absolute ruin. Even now the people do not put together too well, and Bolshevism would sound the death-knell of any prosperity that exists. The bandits which at present infest the Republic, would make perfect Bolsheviks, and even the safety of this colony might, in the long run, be jeopardised. And there seems to be no immediate remedy for this growing evil, for the Peace Conference can arrive at no definite decision in the matter. Peace can only be a meaningless word as long as Bolshevism is rampant throughout the world.

#### PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS.

There is something of more than ordinary interest in the attempt which is being made in certain parts of Portugal to restore the Monarchy. Republicanism has certainly not proved, for the Portuguese all that was prophesied of it. In the centres where Monarchism has been hailed afresh, ex-King Manuel has been declared ruler, but he has apparently no great desire to return to the Throne unless there is a clear mandate from the people that they wish to see him there. We are assured that he is not at the bottom of this new movement, but knowing that his supporters are sincere, he is willing to place himself at the service of his people if they call him. He is evidently no mischief-maker; he wants to be associated with no movement that will kindle the fires of internal strife in Portugal. It is for the people to say what they really want. Patriot that Manuel is, he is willing to abide by their wishes.

#### BRITAIN'S NAVY.

Much has been said lately about the "Freedom of the Seas" and the position of Britain as possessing the greatest Navy in the world. Perhaps the declaration on the matter which is most to the point is that uttered by Ex-President Taft in a speech at Toronto the other day, and which appeared in our columns yesterday. The Germans have accused the British Navy as abusing the "freedom of the seas". It is an unfortunate phrase for no one really seems to understand it. We consider that the best thing to do is to lose sight of it for all time. What the Germans really thought is, we think, that Britain, by force of having the strongest Navy in the world, used it as a terrible weapon against Germany when war came along. By a certain amount of camouflage, other meanings were given by the Germans, to this fine-sounding phrase, but in reality they were only voicing the most obvious of facts. As Mr. Taft says, Britain would starve in a week if she had no Navy to look after her shipping. We have seen what a blockade meant to Germany, but if it could have happened to Britain, its effect would have been more crushing. Our position in Europe demands that we have the greatest navy afloat. It is necessary for our very existence, and has been always used, as Mr. Taft points out, to safeguard not only our own interests but those of other nations where international commerce was threatened by German frightfulness on the seas.

### DAY BY DAY.

#### OLIVER THINGS ARE HARDLY EVER KIND THINGS.

To-morrow is the 34th anniversary of General Gordon's death at Khartoum.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was \$3.33-161.

The Gazette contains the usual regulations regarding cracker-firing during Chinese New Year.

His Majesty's Forces in the Colony are to be subject to the Army Act for a further period of three months.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Mr. John Reynolds temporarily to be a Sanitary Inspector.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 11, amounted to 77,443 tons and the sales during the period to 55,661.

The annual meeting of seal-holders, subscribers and the vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, takes place on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

During yesterday there were notified two fatal cases of spotted fever and one fatal occurrence of plague, the victims being Chinese.

M. Sklarowski and M. Sykora are giving a grand concert at Macao to-night. They will appear for the first time in Hongkong on Wednesday next.

The Douglas S.S. Company's steamer Haitan will be despatched for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at 2 p.m., instead of Sunday, the 26th inst.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to recognise Mr. Edmundo Molino as Consul for Panama in Hongkong.

The Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, gratefully acknowledges \$50 from Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin towards the tower of the New Chinese Church at Canton, for which an appeal was made at the Cathedral.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Dr. Harold Macfarlane to act as Principal Civil Medical Officer during the absence on leave of Dr. John Taylor Connell Johnson or until further notice.

Annual collections are being made at St. John's Cathedral to-morrow on behalf of the Church Missionary Association. The high exchange has greatly reduced the funds available from England, so it is hoped there will be a generous response.

Judgment was delivered, yesterday, in the case in which the Building Authority sued Li Shun Fan for \$158.66 on account of improvements, under the Private Streets Improvement Ordinance. His Lordship, Mr. Justice Gompertz, gave judgment for plaintiff, with costs.

In connection with the Victory Ball of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders, which takes place on 14th February, practice dances will be held at the City Hall, commencing at 5.15 p.m., on February 4th and February 7th. Members and their guests only are invited to attend.

A distressing accident occurred at the Hongkong Hotel shortly after ten o'clock this morning, an unfortunate Chinese workman sustaining severe injuries. The man, who others were engaged at the bottom of the lift shaft and apparently slipped, for his arm was caught by the rope revolving round the drum and he was dragged between the drum and the wall to the floor. Some time elapsed before he could be extricated and it was then found that his hand and arm had been very severely injured. He was conveyed to the hospital.

### 1894. HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for week ending February 2, 1894.)

#### THE DOLLAR.

January 27.—The rate of the Dollar, on demand, to-day is 2s. 3d.

#### STOMACH AND BRAINS.

January 27.—At the Police Court:

"Will you answer my question, sir?" said the eminent solicitor to a difficult witness.

"I don't answer silly questions," replied the witness.

"Oh you have so much brains," said the legal light, with the air of a man who had clinched things finally.

"Yes, you have so much stomach," replied the occupant of the box, "and that's where your intelligence is situated."

And the witness was credited with the fall.

#### A POLICE PRESENTATION.

January 27.—At the Central Police Station, this morning, Sergeant Green, on behalf of a number of sergeants and constables who were brought out from Home by sergeant Bremner, in 1880, presented Mrs. Bremner with a handsome silver tea service as a token of the esteem in which she and her husband are held by those who owe their appointments in the local force to him. Inspector Bremner suitably responded and congratulated the men of his selection on their advancement in the service.

#### HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB.

January 31.—A meeting of members of the Hongkong Athletic Club was held in the Victoria Hotel, last evening, for the purpose of mapping out a programme for the forthcoming season. Mr. G. A. Caldwell was voted to the chair and after the report and statement of accounts had been presented, the draft of an amended programme was submitted and approved. The principal features of this were the introduction of two bicycle races and the substitution of a quarter-mile race for soldiers instead of the usual half-mile event. The accounts showed a credit balance of a trifle over \$300. Mr. Denison was again unanimously elected Hon. Sec., and Mr. A. Babington, Hon. Treasurer.

#### A GOVERNMENT HOUSE PARTY.

January 31.—We hear that there is going to be a big jam-boree at Government House, on Monday evening next, (Chinese New Year) to which all the leading Chinese residents of the Colony will be invited. The leading Chinese, as far as we know, detest Government House functions, but they turn up to them when invited because they regard an "invitation" from the Governor as tantamount to a summons or order. As is well known, the Chinese gentry neither dance the polka neither do they sing in European "society" style and they would be much more at home drinking afternoon tea in a sitting room with the representative of Britain's majesty than in a reception room filled with Hongkong's elite or a ball-room crowded with the renowned masher brigade. It is strange that the so-called Protector of Chinese, Ka, the chunk-headed or some other obsequious toady, has never explained this to His Excellency are now. Monday's function will be anything but a justification for the Chinese whatever it may be for the guilded youth and beauty of this much-governed Colony.

#### SAILING SHIPS.

February 2.—There are, in addition to an unusual number of "sailers", two four-masted in port,—the American owned ship Kenilworth (which flies the British flag), and the British barque Afghanistan, which arrived to-day from New York with a cargo of American "fire water" for Messrs. D. Sassoon and Co.

#### FIELD-GUNS FOR PEKING.

Seven or eight field-guns from Japan and from China have been taken to Peking for the national defence force.

### WAR GARDEN CONFERENCE. —ANGLO-AMERICAN GATHERING.

Washington, December 14th.—For the purpose of attending a war garden conference in London, Mr. Percival S. Ridsdale, Secretary of the National War Garden Commission of Washington, has left here for England. While there he will not only confer with British authorities on the subject of home food production but will make a tour of inspection to see the work which has been done in the British Isles in this direction. He will explain the universal spread of the movement throughout the United States and the great service which the "soldiers of the soil" in this country have performed in increasing the food supply at home and abroad.

Mr. Ridsdale will compare the methods adopted in the two countries in increasing food supplies through back yard and vacant lot cultivation and the tilling of larger plots by community gardeners. One phase of the food production movement to which he will give special attention is that of wounded soldiers who in England have been tilling land around the hospitals. There will be a large number of such men in the United States during this coming year and it is believed that a plan will be worked out whereby many of them can be utilized and aided on the road to physical recovery by the healthful, light work of caring for gardens. The secretary of the American organization desires to learn in detail what has been accomplished in Great Britain in this direction.

"We in the United States realize the vital need of raising every possible bit of food this coming year," said Mr. Ridsdale before leaving. "With the present world food shortage every available food-producing space possible everywhere must be cultivated. It is hoped that the Victory Gardens in the United States in 1919 will exceed the number of war gardens which were planted in 1918. The great amount of added area which England has placed under cultivation is an incentive to the food producers of America who have made an excellent record during the war but who it is believed can accomplish even more."

"My visit to England is for the purpose of ascertaining what methods have been employed in stimulating the planting of gardens there and for gathering information as to how we can better the work we have been doing in the United States. We realize that remarkable results have been accomplished in the British Isles through the working of the English allotment system in helping to increase home food supplies. We know that much of profit can be gained from the patriotic impulse which was back of this effort. We desire to learn how the work was done. It is necessary to put forth our utmost endeavors during the coming year."

There were more than 5,000,000 war gardeners in the United States in 1918 and they raised food valued at \$590,000,000. In 1919 they will be Victory Gardeners, and we hope to have 10,000,000 of them. We feel sure that when our gardeners learn more fully of what the home food growers of the British Isles have been doing to help feed themselves, they will be inspired to greater effort. They desire to co-operate with their brothers in other countries in overcoming that great enemy General Hunger which we are now fighting in the world war for food."

Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, President of the National War Garden Commission, has been in close touch with the war garden activities of the English Food Administration, and the Commission will continue to co-operate in every way possible that may aid the international food situation.

#### CHILL ON THE LIVER

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### SIR HENRY MAY'S RETIREMENT.

#### TO-DAY'S COUNCIL MEETING. Generous Tribute to Retiring Governor.

The Executive and Legislative Councils sat in joint session, this morning, in connection with Sir Henry May's retirement from the Governorship of the Colony.

There were present His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.), His Excellency the General Officer Commanding (Major-General Ventris), the Hon. Colonial Secretary (Mr. A.G.M. Fletcher), the Hon. Attorney General (Mr. J.H. Kemp, C.B.E.), the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe, the Hon. Mr. E.R. Hallifax, O.B.E., the Hon. Mr. C. Mc I. Messer, O.B.E., the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. E.H. Sharp, O.B.E., (Executive Council); and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, the Hon. Mr. P.H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. D. Landale, the Hon. Mr. R.G. Shewan, the Hon. Mr. Len Cha Pak, the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, (Legislative Council) and Mr. A. Dyer Ball (Clerk of Councils). Sir Haviland de Saumarez and Mr. Possonby Fane were also present.

His Excellency Mr. Severn said:—Hon. members of the Executive and Legislative Councils.—When Sir Henry May left the Colony last September it was not supposed that he would be away for more than about three months. The great improvement in Miss Dione May's health had made it possible for him to contemplate returning here in March and it was with great surprise that I received the telegram from the Secretary of State announcing that he had accepted Sir Henry May's resignation of the office of Governor of this Colony. There can be but one feeling in all our minds that circumstances should have rendered it necessary for Sir Henry May to take this course. Our sympathies have been deeply stirred by the long period of anxiety through which Sir Henry and Lady May have passed, and to that anxiety there has been added in his case the trial of being separated from his work here in which he was so deeply interested. When he left he had settled the heavy programme of new work for this year, and was looking forward to returning to see the beginning of those great developments in every direction which the war had interfered with. It is always a painful moment when a man of action has to lay aside his arms, or when an officer of great energy and zeal has to seek retirement. In the case of Sir Henry May the wrench will be especially severe. He loved this Colony in which he had risen from Cadet to be its Governor; he had grown up with it for more than thirty years during the most momentous period of its history and through the long years of the war he had guided its destinies with rare skill and judgment. On every side can be seen evidence of his untiring labours. If I may select one enduring example by which his long service may be remembered it is the care he devoted to beautifying this island and the New Territories. Time is required fully to develop his scheme, but future generations will bless the keen foresight that designed the shady avenues, the wooded hills and the flower bordered walks. When Sir Henry May returned to this Colony in the year 1912 he found some of us somewhat inclined to resent the intrusion of the motor-car, but he became one of the pioneers of auto-mobility in this Colony and the great progress that has taken place in the construction and widening of main roads is due to his desire to provide cheap and rapid means of transport and to open up undeveloped parts of the Colony and the New Territories, and though Sir Henry May will not be here to see the progress that is being made, his influence will be felt in the work that is being done.

There were more than 5,000,000 war gardeners in the United States in 1918 and they raised food valued at \$590,000,000. In 1919 they will be Victory Gardeners, and we hope to have 10,000,000 of them. We feel sure that when our gardeners learn more fully of what the home food growers of the British Isles have been doing to help feed themselves, they will be inspired to greater effort. They desire to co-operate with their brothers in other countries in overcoming that great enemy General Hunger which we are now fighting in the world war for food."



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### SIR HENRY MAY'S RETIREMENT.

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gave Sir Henry May an opportunity to awaken the latent energies of the manhood of Hongkong. His stirring example has made the Hongkong Defence Corps and the Police Reserve into fine bodies of men of which the Colony may be proud. He has been very solicitous for the welfare of young men, who come out to the East to spend the best part of their lives. A thorough sportsman himself, he has throughout his career in the Public Service endeavoured to stimulate a love for healthy sport in all classes of the community. His sympathy with the aspirations of the Chinese to excel in games has been shown in his efforts to provide suitable recreation grounds, and in the development of the Kowloon peninsula. Allowance has been made for open spaces for the same purpose. In all efforts for the moral and physical well-being of the community Sir Henry May has had the able assistance of Lady May. Her cheerful and sunny help has been an immense help to every good cause. Throughout the war she has taken the lead in the splendid work done by the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, and the great success of such bodies as the Blustering Committee League is due in no small measure to the keen interest taken by Lady May and the members of her family. Her work here will be perpetuated in the institutions which bear her name, and which has already proved its great value as a source of useful work among women in the Colony. Those who follow me in speaking to this resolution and who have admired Sir Henry and Lady May for far longer than I have will deal with other aspects of their life here. As Colonial Secretary during the full term of his Governorship I can bear testimony to his personal interest in the welfare of every individual member of the Public Service, and when he went on leave he was in communication with the Secretary of State on the subject of the salaries of the Public Service. I feel it a great honour to have been so closely associated in public work with such a distinguished member of the Empire's service, and I can share in no small degree in the feeling of deep regret that is felt at his retirement. I am sure that it is the unanimous hope of the community that Sir Henry and Lady May and their family will enjoy health and happiness for many years to come. I beg to move:—

"The Executive and Legislative Councils, assembled in joint session on the occasion of the resignation by Sir Henry May of the office of Governor, desire to record their high appreciations of the eminent services which he has rendered to the Empire and to Hongkong during his most honourable career as a servant of the Crown.

"The Councils wish to express their sincere regret that the term has now been set to the long connection of Sir Henry and Lady May with the Colony which they have loved so much and have served so faithfully and well."

**WINGARNS**

### BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

#### LIST OF ENTRANTS.

The following players have entered for the forthcoming Open Billiard Championship of the Colony to be held at the Victoria Recreation Club:—C.Q.M.S. S. Barker, R.G.A.; R. W. Bearne; F. W. Black; W. E. Crocker; Sgt. G. Davis, R. A.; Sgt. H. Drummond, R. G. A.; J. G. P. Foulds; Sgt. J. Goodman; Manchester; S. Gray; Capt. E. B. Green; E. Guimaraes; C. W. Hart; K. Higashide; Sgt. F. W. Haskings, R.G.A.; S. P. Law; K. K. Leung; W. R. Neighbour; J. Parkes; A. G. Pile; Sgt. W. Pitt; H. K. Police; C.S.M.H. Pragnell; R. G. A. Tai Ming Tak; S. M. J. Tatton, D.C.M., R.G.A.; Pokie P. Wong; C.S.M. (I.G.) W. T. Youngman, R.G.A.; P. A. Yvanovich.

ly appreciated and they never lacked his utmost support. And what of the man himself? Of the man as his friends knew him! Of utmost loyalty, of abounding humour, of open heart, his friendship, once acquired, was never lost. Adversity could not alienate it, nor difference destroy it. In sunshine or in trouble it could be counted and drawn upon without exhaustion and without stint. We do not need to tell him of the depth of our sympathy or the fervency of our wishes and hopes regarding the causes which we understand, have led to his resignation. He and his are constantly in our thoughts and we trust that a happy future, free from anxiety, lies before him and all his family. His life and work amongst us must be fittingly dealt with independently of Lady May who for so many years shared his responsibility and his success. None met her but loved her. None left her but was lifted up. We have shared with her in her happiness and she has shared with us in our troubles. She let no barriers interpose between her and all around. A sweet and gracious lady, as a Governor's wife should be, her memory and her friendship will be treasured throughout life. The unofficial members of the Executive and the Legislative Councils desire to associate themselves in every way with your references to Sir Henry May and I have the honour and the very great pleasure to second the resolution you have proposed.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak said:—Your Excellency,—On behalf of the Chinese community, and my Chinese colleague, I heartily support the resolution. By the retirement of Sir Henry May the Chinese in this Colony have lost a good and sympathetic Governor. During his tenure of office as head of the administration, the Colony has made marked progress and much of that result is undoubtedly due to his own energies and his unrivalled knowledge of local conditions. In spite of adverse criticisms and oppositions which were not infrequent, Sir Henry May has steadfastly and courageously carried out whatever he conceived to be for the good of and in the interest of the Colony. Being sparing of words and sparing of smiles, as a Chinese once said of him, Sir Henry May, as Governor, has not spared himself in the discharge of his duties which have been very arduous and irksome. To Sir Henry May, therefore, and to Lady May whose kind disposition and bright presence have won the hearts of all, the Chinese community wish, through me, to express their sense of gratitude and best wishes—(Applause).

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

His Excellency then announced that a report of the proceedings would be forwarded to Sir Henry May as soon as possible.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

**WINGARNS**

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#### WAR COMFORTS.

COL. WARD'S THANKS.

The following letter has been received by Major General F. Ventris from Lieut. Colonel John Word, C.M.G., M.P., Commanding 25th Bn. Middlesex Regiment in Siberia:—

"I have the honour to ask you to convey to the ladies of Hongkong the warmest thanks of all ranks under my Command for their most acceptable gifts of comforts received and distributed."

#### DAY BY DAY.

The Victoria Theatre is still keeping abreast of the times. It has arranged a special matinee for Monday, at 5.15 p.m., when the six-part film "Denise," after the famous piece of Alexander Dumas the younger, will be screened. There will be a Manila string band in attendance.

It is notified in the Gazette for general information that the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has decided in consultation with the President of the Board of Trade to institute a register of all claims by British subjects to property or other interests in Russia. All persons, firms, and companies of British nationality owning property situate in territory which on the 1st August, 1914, formed part of the Russian Empire, or having claims against the Russian Government (including any Government exercising de facto authority, in any part of that territory) or against any person, firm, company, or municipality, should take steps to record their claims by applying to the Colonial Secretary's Office for the necessary forms, which should be filled in and returned to the Colonial Secretary.

#### HEADQUARTER OF THE COLONY OF MACAO.

COMMISSARIAT DEPARTMENT.

#### Notification.

THIS HEREBY notified that on the 21 February next, at 2 P.M., in the headquarters of the Colony, before the Committee referred to in Article 4 of the "Regulamento do Fuzenda," dated October, 3rd 1911, an artillery officer being present 650,200 pounds of cast iron proceeding from sundry munitions of war deemed unfit for the service of the Colony will be sold by Public Auction.

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Commissionariat Department  
24th January 1919.  
The Chief of the Department  
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| EMPRESS OF ASIA   | 22 May.       | 9 June.          |
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| EMPRESS OF RUSSIA | 19 June.      | 7 July.          |
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## SHIPPING NEWS.

THE PLAYFUL ADMIRALTY.  
The Admiralty has a sense of  
humour, and occasionally displays  
it in official documents. An old  
sea captain wrote in to the  
department complaining, more in  
sorrow than in anger, of the way  
in which his ship had been dazle-  
painted. "First you made me  
look like a parrot, and then you  
made me look like a haystack,  
and I don't want to look like  
either." He got back the official  
reply: "We don't want you to  
look like either a parrot or a hay-  
stack, but we do want you to look  
as if your stern was where your  
head ought to be."

CAPTAIN FRYATT'S CHIEF  
OFFICER.

Mr. W. J. Hartnell, who was  
chief officer of the ill-fated steam-  
er Brussels, and was taken  
prisoner with the late Captain  
Fryatt, has recently written to  
the secretary of the Imperial  
Merchant Service Guild, of which  
society he is a member from his  
home in Parkeston, Essex. After  
thanking the Guild for the various  
parcels received from them whilst  
he was in the hands of the Germans,  
Mr. Hartnell goes on to say that  
he was in Bruges prison along  
with Captain Fryatt until he  
was done to death by his cap-  
ors, and for some little time af-  
terwards. Mr. Hartnell was also  
present at the so-called "trial" of  
the captain on 27th July, 1916,  
and he has a keen recollection of  
the particular Germans that he  
considers were solely responsible  
for this foul deed. It is hoped  
that the time is not far distant  
when those who were responsible  
will be brought to book and stern  
justice meted out to them.  
Nothing less will satisfy the late  
Captain Fryatt's colleagues in  
the Merchant Service. Mr.  
Hartnell mentions that since he  
has been home he has visited Mrs.  
Fryatt and family and has con-  
veyed to them his last messages.  
He states that he is now in fairly  
good health, and hopes soon to be  
able to report to his company  
ready for duty again, but the  
memory of what he has been  
through still remains with him  
and all things considered it is not  
to be wondered at.

## SWEDISH SHIPBUILDING.

Recently the Oresund Ship-  
building Yard at Landskrona in-  
vited a number of well-known  
shipping people to witness the  
launching of its first steamer, an  
event which was carried out in  
excellent conditions and without  
 mishap. The new steamer, a  
vessel of 1,600 tons deadweight  
named the Torild, is 230ft. long,  
37ft. beam, and 17.9ft. draft.  
Her engines develop 850  
h.p., and she will have a speed  
of 10 knots. The Oresund Ship-  
building Yard was constituted as  
a joint stock company in Gothen-  
burg on Dec. 16, 1915, with a  
share capital of 600,000 kroner.  
On Dec. 19, of the following year,  
the capital was increased to  
4,200,000 kroner. The whole area  
is enclosed on three sides by deep  
water, and there is convenient  
connection with the railway on  
the land side. The depth of water  
in Landskrona harbour is 7.7  
metres, but this can easily be in-  
creased, and the matter, it is  
understood, is to be taken in hand  
in the immediate future. The  
present equipment of the  
yard comprises four building  
slips; two for vessels up to  
4,000 tons deadweight, one for  
ships up to 15,000 tons, and an-  
other for ships up to 20,000 tons.  
All the slips are now completely  
equipped with the necessary ma-  
chinery, and are occupied by  
vessels under construction, except  
in the case of one from which the  
Torild has just been launched.  
The yard also owns the largest  
dry dock in Scandinavia—621ft.  
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deep. Work in connection  
with the dock has been  
delayed by strikes and other  
unfavourable circumstances, so  
that it will not be ready for use  
until the summer of 1919. In  
connection with the dock there  
is to be a well-equipped repairing  
works, and the dock is to be pro-  
vided with two electric cranes, one  
with a lifting capacity of 60 tons  
and the other with a capacity of  
15 tons. At the present time the  
yard is engaged on the construc-  
tion of four ships of about 4,000  
tons each, and all of these have  
been sold. In addition, the com-  
pany has entered into contracts  
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## ELLIS KADOORIE HONAM COLLEGE.

## PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prize distribution of the Ellis Kadoorie Honam College, Canton, took place on Thursday, the 23rd inst.

The Headmaster, in the course of a brief address, said that he did not intend making a long speech as he knew they were all anxious for the holidays to begin as soon as possible. He himself was longing for the holidays. He wished first to say a few words about the importance of revision. He advised them to revise at the end of every week all the work done during the week and to keep note-books containing a list of all their difficulties. In their note-books all hard words in dictation, should be entered, all difficult sums should be worked out correctly and all difficulties in the other subjects should be recorded. At the end of every month they should have a big revision and go over very carefully all the work done during the month. Those who followed his advice would find that the fortnight they usually had for revision before the half-yearly examination would be ample time for revising all the subject thoroughly. The attendance had not been quite satisfactory during the year. He hoped to see an improvement next year. He recommended students who were frequently absent because they had business to do at home to leave school and attend to their home affairs. A student's real business was to attend school and study diligently. There were some unfortunate students whose relatives were very often sick and who had to absent themselves from school to look after sick parents, grandparents, uncles or aunts. He advised these unfortunate students, to confine their attention to their ailing relatives. No student could make progress unless he attended school regularly. They would no doubt have noticed that a good many of the prize-winners had also won Perfect Attendance Scholarships.

With regard to the new scholarships of \$25 each per annum, so kindly presented to the school by Messrs. Lee Chi Pak, Chan Kai Ming, Ho Fook, and Chan Tung Shang, He pointed out that as these scholarships were given for the purpose of helping students to continue their studies, those who won them, unless they were in the highest class, would have to promise to remain at school until they had passed through the highest class.

The Canton School Sports were to be held at the end of February. Those students who were good at Athletics should put in as much practice as possible during the holidays and try to win some prizes for the school. He would like to see the students take more interest in the school magazine. When correcting the composition papers of the upper classes done in the recent half-yearly examination, he had noticed that a considerable number of students were able to write fairly good English. He was surprised that none of those students had written an article for the magazine. They should show the magazine to their friends and to former students and try to obtain contributions from them for the magazine.

In conclusion, he thanked Messrs. Pan Pui Ju, Kong Sin Chuen, Lo Chung Kut, Wong Mei San, Chow Hin Sang and Fung Pak Yuet for their kindness in subscribing to the Prize Fund. He wished all the students a very happy New Year. He hoped that they would all have a good holiday and that he would see most of them back at school on the re-opening day, the 21st of February.

**WINGARNIS**

## STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

## THE PORTUGUESE SITUATION.

## CONFLICTING NEWS.

London, January 24. The news of the Portuguese situation is conflicting. Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon, writing on the 22nd inst., says Volunteer Republican battalions are being organised in Lisbon and the provinces for the defence of the public.

A message from Radajoz, dated the 23rd inst., says the Monarchist movement is not apparently making any headway in South Portugal.

Republican demonstrations are constantly parading Lisbon. The police, in the absence of troops, have gone northwards to fight the Monarchists. A message from Vigo dated the 23rd says troops under Colonel Silveira, disobeying Lisbon's orders, have joined the Royalists at Santarom.

## THE PARIS CONFERENCE.

## BIG QUESTIONS CONSIDERED.

London, January 23. A communique from Paris says:—Representatives of the Allied and Associated Powers to-day considered International Labour Legislation, responsibilities and punishments in connection with the war, reparation and war damage, an international regime of ports, waterways and railways, and also procedure regarding territorial questions.

## BRITISH DELEGATION MEETS.

London, January 24. A communique says:—The British Empire Delegation met for two hours at the Viller Majestic, Paris. Those present were Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Barnes, Lord Reading, Sir Maurice Hankey, Dominions and Indian Delegates; also Captain Clement Jones, Secretary; Mr. Christie and Captain Brebner, Assistant Secretaries.

## GERMAN ELECTION RESULTS.

Amsterdam, January 23. According to a message from Berlin, an official statement says the final results of all thirty-seven constituencies, for which there are 421 Deputies, show that Majority Socialists have 164 seats, the Centre 88, the German Democrats 77, the national People's Party 34, the independent Socialists 24 and the German People's Party 23. There are also eleven non-party members.

## THE LABOUR PROBLEM.

Paris, January 23. At the War Cabinet meeting, Mr. Barnes explained to British Pressmen that the Conference felt it must deal with International Labour Questions hoping to lay the foundation of more humane conditions of Labour. Both employers and employed would be consulted. The question, which was ripe for settlement, included the hours of labour, minimum wages, half-holidays and protection of children from profiteering.

Mr. Barnes said the Conference proposals include the constitution of a Commission which will be charged with the duty of convening a special International Conference including the representation of employers and workpeople at the earliest possible moment.

## LABOUR UNREST AT HOME.

## TWO DISPUTES SETTLED.

London, January 23. The Conference of engineers and shipbuilders, mentioned this morning, has come to an agreement, the men being recommended to resume work immediately, on the understanding that there will be another Conference next week.

Two hundred thousand Yorkshire miners struck to-day, demanding twenty minutes' complete cessation of work at meal-time instead of taking their meals in relays, which avoided a stoppage. The Coal Controller to-night granted the demand of the men, who are resuming work.

## QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

## PRIZE DAY PROCEEDINGS.

The annual distribution of prizes took place at Queen's College this morning, the ceremony being performed by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C. M. G.), in the presence of a large gathering of parents and friends.

## THE REPORT.

From the lengthy report by the Headmaster (Mr. B. Tanner) we take the following:—

The total number of scholars enrolled during the year ending December 31st, 1918, was 989—54 more than in the previous year. The average daily attendance was 389—30 more than in 1917. The highest attendance was reached on September 11th when 731 were present; the lowest on June 11th, when only 392 attended; this reduction, which was only temporary, was the result of the outbreak of Cerebro-spinal Meningitis and the following day the Medical Officer of Health decided that the College should be closed for five days.

The year under review was one remarkable for the unusually great number of changes on the staff. The late Headmaster, Mr. T. K. Dealy, retired on pension in May, and in the same month three assistant masters, Messrs. Ralston, Fletcher, and Hancox, left to proceed to the front. Later in the year, Mr. Nightingale was transferred to the Yauwatt School and quite recently Messrs. Partington and Maxwell have left to take up posts outside the Service. One Anglo-Chinese master, Mr. Lai Im-tong, has resigned and two of our Vernacular masters have retired on pension. We were glad to have Mr. Crook back as Second Master in July. Other welcome additions to the Staff are Mr. Doherty who came from Tientsin in September, Mr. Un Po from the Hongkong University in October, and later Miss Skinner from the Peak School. We have now six Mistresses on the Staff and I wish here to express to them as well as to all Masters my very sincere

appreciation of and thanks for the really exceptional work they have put in and the additional duties they have all so cheerfully and energetically undertaken.

Discipline has been very well maintained, notwithstanding the frequent changes we have had to contend with. The Prefects continue to render very valuable help especially in the control they exercise in the play-grounds. To mark the importance of the School Prefects as a connecting link between the members of the Staff and the boys, a Prefects' Dinner was held in November and it is hoped that this will develop into an annual function.

General organisation remains very much the same, with the exception that, since the post of Normal Master was abolished in July last, the work of training Pupil Teachers has devolved upon various members of the Staff. In the course of study there have been no important changes. Special attention has been directed to matters connected with the War, and in Classes 4 and 5 a specially compiled book comprising war stories in English and Chinese has been regularly studied.

Apart from the outbreak of spotted fever and influenza, which greatly affected our attendance, the health of the School generally has been quite normal. An individual medical examination of students has been instituted and is being very thoroughly carried out by Dr. Mc Kenney; owing, however, to extreme pressure of work in the Medical Department, returns are not yet complete. During the spotted fever epidemic atomisers were kept constantly at work on the school premises; one of these was very kindly presented to the College by Lady Ho Tung.

The two Senior Classes—Classes 1 and 2—were, as is now customary, examined in July by the University of Hongkong, all boys in these classes being entered without discrimination. For Matriculation 28 students sat, of whom eleven passed the Matriculation examination, while 3 were awarded Senior Local Certificates. In this

section, five Scholarships were gained: (a) One President's Scholarship by Tam Wai-ying; (b) Four Canton Government Scholarships by Mok Tai-tin, Wong Tin-sik, Tam Wai-ying, Tso Mun-lung. A cash prize of \$50 offered in July by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce to Senior Candidates, for the best Essay on the War, was won by Ko Yau-cheung, while Lo Man-ho obtained distinction in Physics.

For the Senior Local examination, 11 students from Class 1 Commercial entered, and of these 6 passed the Senior Local while one succeeded in qualifying for Matriculation and was awarded a Canton Government Scholarship. In the December examinations of the University four additional students matriculated, while 2 others were awarded Senior Local Certificates. In Class 2 there were 108 students entered for the Junior Local Examination, 94 of whom actually sat. 33 certificates were obtained, including no less than 13 distinctions in Chinese as compared with 1 obtained in the previous year. In December 9 additional Junior Local certificates were obtained by Queen's College candidates, thus making a total of 42 for the year.

The results of the University Examinations did not fulfil our expectations and although unavoidable it was still decidedly unfortunate that we were deprived of the services of Messrs. Ralston and Fletcher just about six weeks before the July examinations were held, and at a most critical time for the boys being prepared by them. It is here perhaps not out of place to mention the fact that, since the beginning of the War, we have from year to year found it increasingly difficult to get the text-books needed in sufficient quantity and at the proper time. This difficulty was intensified in 1918, so much so indeed that we were compelled to have certain books printed locally in instalments. We hope that next year this difficulty will be, to a great extent, if not entirely, removed.

In Class 3—the largest class in the School, with 7 sections, and containing more boys than we have in the whole of the lower School—the results show a decided improvement upon those of 1917—205 boys were examined, of whom 184 passed.

In two sections, Full 3A and Full 3B, there was not a single failure, and as most of these boys will be entering for the Junior Local in July of this year, we are hoping they will do equally well. It is upon entering this Class 3, either from the Lower School here, or from the District Schools, that boys have to decide whether they will join the "Full" section leading up to Matriculation and the University, or the Commercial sections intended to fit them for business.

We come now to the Lower School, comprising Classes 4, 5, 6 and 7. Here 186 boys were examined and of these 182 passed. In Classes 4A, 5A, and 7 there were no failures. No boy can now receive promotion from any class unless he satisfies the examiners in both English and Chinese.

Altogether, throughout the School, and including those taking the University Examinations, 564 boys were examined as compared with 467 in 1917.

The Pupil Teachers attending the Normal Class were, for the first time, entered for the Matriculation Examination. Of the 8 candidates entered, 3 passed the examination and are now at the University as Student Teachers.

There are 13 Student Interpreters now in attendance at the College, distributed throughout Classes 1, 2, and 3, and they are all doing very satisfactory work. These boys are appointed after competitive examinations and attend the College until required to fill vacancies for interpreters in various Government Offices.

The Queen's College Division of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade Overseas, which has now been in existence for two years, now consists of about 40 members all of whom are to be complimented on the regularity with which they attend drills and parades, and the general keenness they evince in all matters connected with the Brigade work. All members of the division owe very sincere thanks to Sergeant-Major Bond, of the Hongkong Defence Corps, for valuable services rendered in connection with drill and organisation. The Q. C. Division holds the Holyoak Cup for attendance at drills, lectures, and parades.

The Library is more popular than ever, and much more used, especially by Classes 1

Staff. It now contains about 3,000 volumes, consisting of Fiction, History, Geography, Science and General Literature. The catalogue for 1919 is now in the hands of the printers. A change has been made during the year. Instead of two separate libraries, lending and reference, we have now only one. Volumes not meant to be taken away and those for Staff use only are asterisked in the catalogue. The Librarian, Mr. Handyside, has been fortunate in having the services of Mr. Wong Tin-sik assisted by boys from Full 2A. Without this invaluable assistance, the work of reconstruction would have taken a considerably longer time. Very few additions were made, but they include valuable War Literature and the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Some additions, especially from duplicate or triplicate copies in the School Library, were made to the Pupil Teachers' Library, where the arranging and cataloguing was done by the Pupil Teachers themselves under the supervision of the Librarian.

Queen's College is always honoured by distinctions conferred on Old Boys, and we tender heartiest congratulations to Sir Boshan Wei Yuk upon his Knighthood and to Khan Sahib Hashim Khan upon the title he has received.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Your Excellency in the name of Queen's College for so kindly consenting to honour us by distributing the prizes; the visitors for their attendance, and all those who have so generously contributed to our Prize Fund; their donations are already recorded on our notice boards and will be acknowledged in the next issue of the *Yellow Dragon*.

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

Addressing the boys, His Excellency first congratulated Mr. Tanner and the staff on the very satisfactory report notwithstanding the difficulties that had been encountered in the matter of changes in the staff. He particularly mentioned the help of the ladies, saying that it was only through their coming forward here and in other schools that they had been able to carry on at all. After reference to the results of the examinations His Excellency dealt at length with the athletic side of the school saying that unless a game was worth playing for itself it was better left alone. Championships and challenge cups were all very well in their way as they promoted a proper ambition, but what was really valuable was the spirit in which the games were played. He congratulated the College in setting an example of fair play. Education, said His Excellency, was in a period of transition, a period of reconstruction, and no subject was more worthy of careful consideration in this Colony than education. Higher education was stimulated by the presence of the University and he hoped it would not be long before the University would reach its full strength in all the faculties. Dr. Lim Boon Kim's speech at the recent congregation had been of great encouragement to them. There was an increased demand for recreation grounds and that demand would have the very careful consideration of the Government.

There was also a demand for vernacular schools and a number of Chinese gentlemen had promised to bear the cost of a number of Confucian schools in the Colony where a good vernacular education could be obtained. The Government was pledged to support this movement. He hoped that before long a scheme worthy of this Colony would be devised. As he had stated, they were in a transition period. It was very difficult to say how much will be required at present but they did know the difficulties there are facing them in the City of Victoria and so perhaps some of the schools would have to move to the peninsula of Kowloon as there was no room on this side for modern schools. The days of a school without a playground were past. The question of moving schools to Kowloon involved that of transport within the reach of everyone. That was only part of the problem, which he hoped would be adequately dealt with as soon as they could. In conclusion, he congratulated the headmaster and staff of the result of the past year's work and wished all a happy New Year.

The prizes were then distributed.

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Another magnificent William Fox picture, "The Yankee Way," is to be shown at the Coronet Theatre on Monday. It is a wonderful production and those who want to be entertained with joyous, wholesome fare should make a point of seeing it.

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**DAY BY DAY.**  
We have received from Messrs. Butterfield and Swire two very effective Chinese calendars.

A "travelling trader" was the profession claimed at the Police Court by a Chinese who had as his stock-in-trade several lottery tickets. Accused said the tickets were "business deals" but it was a bad speculation, for they had to be forfeited and a fine of \$50 was inflicted.

It is notified in the Gazette that the Kam Wing Fook, having lodged a statement of particulars pursuant to Section 8 of the Chinese Partnerships Ordinance, 1911, has been registered as a Chinese partnership with the following registered partners:—Pong Wai Ting, Wong Kung Shan, Mui Wai Tong, Ko Ho Ning, Mui Po Chi and Mui Pun Chi.

A great attraction is being offered for three nights, commencing on Monday, by the management of the Victoria Theatre. Los Yerar, extremely clever Spanish dancers, are to appear and wear assured that they will put on a show of marked excellence and effectiveness. No-one should miss seeing these artists, in the engagement of which the Victoria management has shown much enterprise.

Two Indians, one who looked like the Mad Mullah and the other having the appearance of Louis de Boulogne, were before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning charged with stealing clothes. One of the culprits trotted out the time-honoured excuse that another man gave him the articles to carry, but, unlike others, he produced the man. The latter's tale was too tough for Mr. Wood to swallow, so both men were remanded for further enquiries.

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## THE COMING RACES.

**TRAINING NOTES.**  
With the closing of the entries to-day, we may expect to see the ponies getting down to solid hard work. As we stated previously, the very late arrivals of the subscription griffins has delayed the training considerably and whereas at this time last year it was possible to form some opinion of the various animals, it is, at present, impossible to judge.

Next week will no doubt see a sorting out of the good from the bad where big differences exist, but it will be some little time before fine differences will be manifest.

The bi-weekly gallops have now commenced but there was not a great deal done this morning in the way of timing, which was difficult owing to a thick mist obscuring the ponies when on the other side of the course.

The following times were taken this morning, the letter "i" denoting the inside course and the letter "o" the outside:—

**OLD POSIES.**  
Night Hawk (o).—Last half, 31 2/5.  
Sir Paul's Vesuvius Dahlia (o). One mile.—35 3/5, 1.10 1/5, 1.42 4/5, 2.13 1/5.  
Sir Paul's Lark Dahlia (o).—One mile.—35 3/5, 1.10 1/5, 1.42 4/5, 2.13.  
Mr. Johnstone's Crest (o) One mile.—36, 1.10 2/5, 1.45 2/5, 2.21.  
Anticipation (o). One mile.—36 3/5, 1.14, 1.48, 2.22.  
Sir Paul's Conquest Dahlia (o). Three quarters.—1.45.  
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Tytam Chief (o). Half mile.—0.56(?)  
**SUBSCRIPTION GALLIES.**  
Mr. Johnstone's White Sub (o). One mile.—36, 1.10 2/5, 1.45 2/5, 2.21.  
Mr. Baston's Sub (o). One mile.—33 3/5, 1.7 3/5, 1.41, 2.14 3/5.  
Mr. Hodge's Sub (o). One mile.—34, 1.8, 1.42 1/5, 2.16.  
Sir Paul's Thames Dahlia (brown sub) (o). Last three quarters.—1.12 1/5; mile, 1.47 4/5.  
Mr. Sassoon's Sub (o). Mile and quarter.—35 4/5, 1.12, 1.49 3/5, 2.22, 2.59 3/5.  
Mr. Alston's Sub (o). Mile and a quarter.—35, 1.9 2/5, 1.48, 2.25, 2.59 3/5.  
**DEBUT PONIES.**  
Jardine's Chestnut (i).—Last half mile, 1.7 2/5.



EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

THE FINAL CHAPTER IN THE BALKANS.

London, Jan. 22.

The "Gazette" contains a despatch from General Milne describing the important part the British played in the offensive last September against the Bulgarians between Lake Doiran and Vardar. The British fought sanguinary battles on 13th and 19th September, suffering and inflicting severe losses in assaults on the dominating and elaborately fortified heights of P. Ridge and Grand Couronne. These battles served their object, which was to pin down the Bulgarian reserves so that they would not be available to oppose the great Franco-Serbian attack which burst through and led to the utter defeat of the enemy. The despatch incidentally mentions that when news of the armistice with Turkey was received General Milne was actually on the river Maritza ready to occupy Adrianople, while the first Hellenic corps was co-located between Kavalla and Drama ready to participate in a general advance on Constantinople.

THE FUTURE OF AVIATION.

London, Jan. 22.

At the Imperial Air Fleet banquet to celebrate the British Empire war victory, at which General Birdwood, General Richard Turner, V.C., and High Commissioners Sir George Perley and Sir Thomas Mackenzie were present, the Under Secretary of the Air Ministry, General Seely, dwelt on the part British airmanship had contributed towards winning the war. He said that Britain must be supreme in the air in order to secure the peace of the world. We must have one great air fleet to help forward the air traffic of the future. Plans have been made in the most elaborate detail for the establishment of great Imperial air routes and he saw no reason why, within the lifetime of nearly all of us men, we should not have great air routes to all parts of the Empire.

THE PORTUGUESE UNREST.

BLOCKADE OF OPORTO ORDERED.

Lisbon, Jan. 20.

An official statement says: The city is quiet. The Cabinet has taken energetic measures to maintain order throughout the country. The Troops, Navalmen and Police in Lisbon support the Government. A strict blockade of Oporto is ordered.

THE ARMY AND THE MOVEMENT.

Lisbon, Jan. 21.

It is officially stated that only three divisions of the Army, namely Oporto, Braga and Vizeu, support the Monarchists. The remaining seventeen divisions are faithful to the Republic.

EX-KING MANUEL'S ATTITUDE.

London, Jan. 22.

A statement made on behalf of ex-King Manuel, published in the "Daily Chronicle," says the assassination of President Paes has created a new situation reducing the country to chaos, hence ex-King Manuel did not expect his supporters to be bound to the wish he expressed to them at the outbreak of the war to refrain from a movement in his favour. He is in no wise privy to the present movement but knows that certain leaders have confidence therein and regards himself as absolutely at the service of the people. If they call him he is prepared to go immediately.

POLISH AFFAIRS.

BRITAIN WARNS GERMANY.

Amsterdam, Jan. 22.

It is reported from Berlin that a British note on Jan. 20th requested the German Government to refrain from provocation of the Poles in East Prussia, West Prussia, Posen and Silesia and pointed out that the Peace Conference in deciding the future eastern frontiers will be influenced by German capacity to govern districts with mixed populations.

The German Government replied declaring that it had done everything possible to redress Polish grievances and accusing the Poles of provoking the Germans. Referring especially to the actions of M. Paderewski and Colonel Wale in Posen the reply says that the upheaval in that province forced it to take military measures to restore order.

THE POLES ATTACKED.

London, Jan. 21.

The situation in Poland is difficult. It is reported that German forces are being sent to Poland to fight the Poles, also that 30,000 Ukrainians, assisted by Austro-German armies, attacked the Poles at Lemberg and cut off the city's light and water.

GOVERNMENT ON THE ALERT.

Warsaw, Jan. 22.

The Paderewski Government has arrested numerous Bolshevik agitators and suspended an extremist paper which glorified Liebknecht and Luxemburg, indubitably established Russo-German Bolsheviks and supplied huge funds to Polish extremists.

It transpires that the recent report of the attempted assassination of M. Paderewski is baseless.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NEW ZEALAND'S CASUALTIES.

London, Jan. 22.

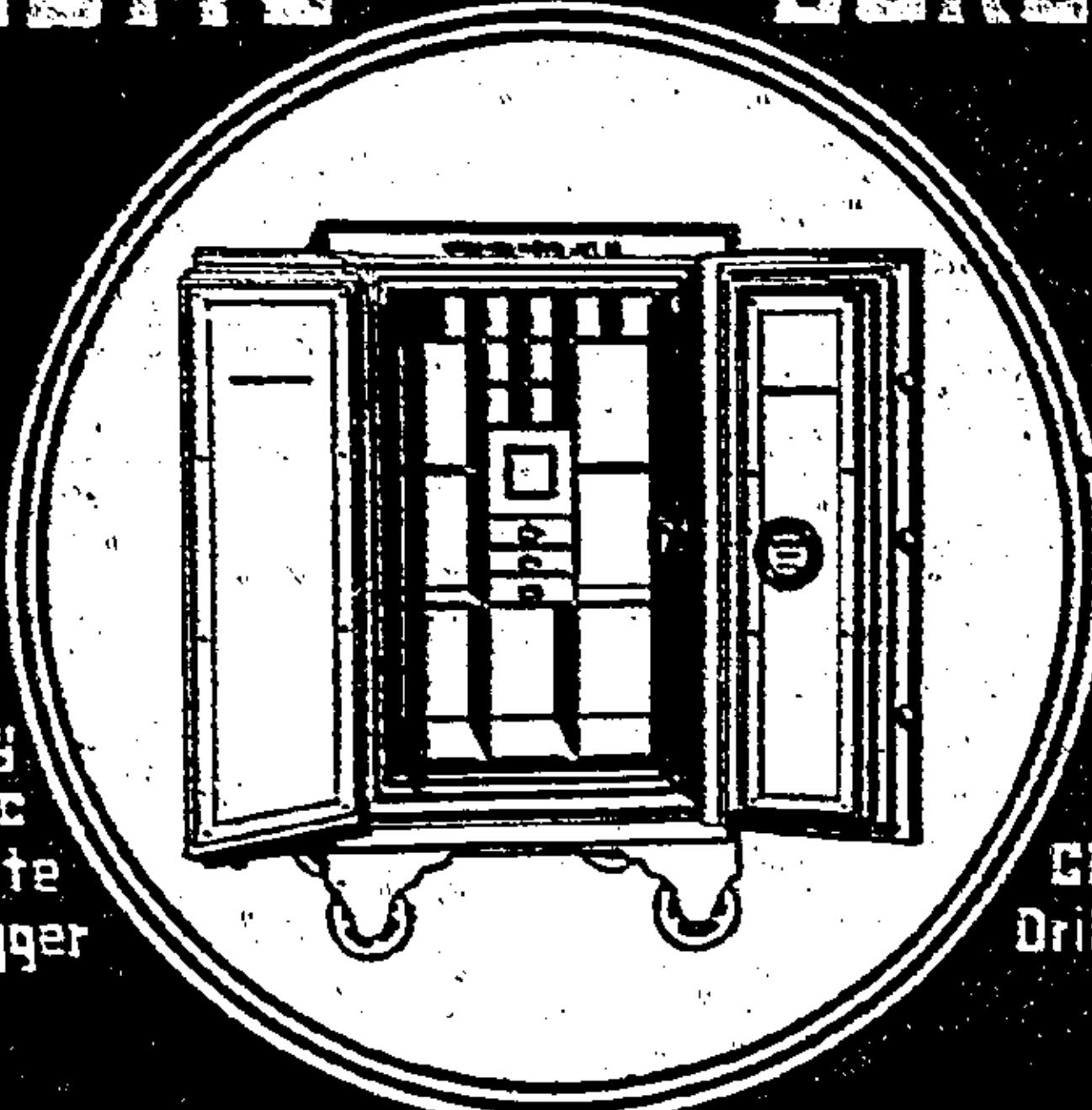
The "Times" correspondent at Wellington (New Zealand) reports that the casualties in the war were 57,532, including 16,500 killed. Only 45 were taken prisoner.

TURKISH COMMANDER ARRESTED.

Athens, Jan. 22.

A message from Constantinople says that Kiamil Pascha, commanding the Third Army, has been arrested on a charge of massacring Greeks and Armenians.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

AN EGYPTIAN DELUGE.

Cairo, Jan. 18.

Egypt is deluged with rain. Cairo and its environs are converted into lakes. A hundred Arab dwellings collapsed. Business is paralysed. The loss of life is small.

CONTROL OF TURKISH RAILWAYS.

London, Jan. 21.

A message from Constantinople says that the Anglo-French have taken over the administration of the Turkish railways, including the Bagdad railway.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR RAILWAYMEN.

London, Jan. 22.

It is understood that the Railway Executive Committee has arranged to establish an eight hour day for railwaymen from February 1st.

WAR BOND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

London, Jan. 22.

Subscriptions to the National War Bonds issue which closed on Jan. 18 exceeded £1,600,000,000.

MADAME LEBAUDY ACQUITTED.

Mineolas (Texas), Jan. 22.

The grand jury refused to indict Madame Lebaudy for the murder of her husband.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Jan. 18.

Silver is quiet.

SHIPPER'S £2,400 FINE.

£13,000 TO BE REFUNDED.

Excess freight charges amounting to £13,192 were involved in a case heard recently at Swansea under the Defence of the Realm Act.

Messrs. Harries Bros. and Co., Ltd., steamship owners, of that port, also trading as Norton and Co., coal exporters, were summoned on 32 charges of receiving freights in excess of the maximum on the shipment of coal to French ports; also for having failed within 14 days to deliver to the Shipping Controller a copy of the contract for the charter of a vessel.

Sir Ellis Griffith, for the defence, said that they admitted the irregularities, and were anxious to return £13,192 charged in excess, and to pay £1,200 costs of the prosecution.

The Bench fined Owen Harries, one of the partners, £2,400, and ordered the three partners to pay the costs of the prosecution. In coming to that decision, they said they were influenced by the promise that the excess money would be returned.

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